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A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

Edinburgh, Thursday July 26, 1722.

From the Evening Post, July 21.

Stockholm, July 16.

THEY write from Medwig, That the Queen has begun to drink the Waters; but that the Physicians did not judge it convenient for the King to drink the same.

Ratisbon, July 16. The Minister of Bavaria has received an anonymous Letter, the Import of which is, to let him know that there is a Design against his Life, and that there is no other Way of warding off the Blow, than by remitting to some Persons at Frankfort, whose Names are mentioned in the Letter, the Sum of 4000 Florins.

Lisbon, June 11. On the 6th Instant, in the Night, the Timber Wharf at the East End of this City, took fire and was wholly destroyed. We have received Advice from the East Indies, That our Viceroy was drawing Troops together, in order to march to Angóna, choak the Harbour, and demolish the Fortifications: 'Tis expected that, if he succeeds in that Enterprize, the Commerce of the Portuguese will be enlarged.

Genoa, July 3. Mr. Balbi, our Envoy at the Court of Madrid, has not hitherto been able to obtain an Audience of the King of Spain, which is imputed to the Non-compliance of this State, to the Demands made on the Part of his Catholic Majesty, concerning the Port del Specie for a Place of Arms.

Londou, July 21. They write from Barbadoes, May 22. That they had received Advice there by the Chester, Captain Rowe, that of the Pyrates which the Swallow Man of War, Captain Ogle, had taken at Cape Lopez, above 100 were condemned, and that the said Captain was to bring over 40 to England.

We hear the Prince has removed some of his German Servants, who are gone to Hanover, but are allowed Pensions, and has put in Englishmen in their Places.

From

From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 17.

Madrid, July 19. The Differences about Port Mahon and Gibraltar are so far adjusted, that the opening of the Cambray Congress will not be longer retarded. Several Persons are seized by the Inquisition, being accused of Iudaism.

Venice, July 7. An important Treaty is in Agitation between France and this Republick. All our fortified Towns in the Levant, are put in a defensible Posture. But in regard, Letters from Syria inform us, that the Turks taking no small Umbrage at the present Rebellion in Persia, reinforce the Garrisons of their Frontier Towns, and design to form several Camps: There is Reason to believe the Grand Seignior will attempt nothing this Year against this Republick,

Vienna, July 8. The Court of Spain seems displeased at the Pope's having granted the Investiture of Naples to the Emperor before the opening of the Cambray Congress: But to this it is reply'd, that the Court of Spain, as also the Plenipotentiaries at Cambray, are obliged to the Pope for having decided that Affair, which otherwise would have required long and laborious Debates.

Vienna, July 11. M. St. Saphorin, the British Minister, conferred Yesterday with Prince Eugene upon several important Dispatches brought hither by an Exprels from London.

Rome, July 4. The 18th past, the Constable Colonna presented to the Pope, in the Emperor's Name, the yearly Tribute or Genet for the Investiture of Naples. The Cavalcade was very Magnificent, and without Disorder or ill Accident; only the Constable who was mounted on a prancing Horse, had a Fall, but received no Hurt. The Roman Nobility did not assist at this Solemnity, because they were deny'd Precedency.

Hamburg, July 17. They write from Moscow, that the Czar presently after his Arrival at Astracan, gave Orders for his Fleet to be in Readiness to sail, intending to execute in Person the intended Expedition. According to our Letters from Warsaw, the King of Poland arrived there the 8th Instant, and was complimented by the Grandees of that Kingdom, who insist upon the speedy holding of a General Diet.

London, July 17. The following East India Ships arrived in the Downs from Bombay, viz. the London, Capt. Upton, the Greenwich, Capt. Kirby, and the Grantham, Capt. Field. It was currently reported Yesterday, that the King George and the Dartmouth, two other East India Men have been forced a Shore on the Coast of Malabar, and 'tis feared were Lost.

Last Saturday Evening, three of the SCOTS Guards were seized in Hyde Park, and sent close Prisoners to the Savoy. Search was made at Greenwich for another, who was on the Party quartered there; but he, has fled. 'Tis said they are charged with Matters against the Government.

Dr. Gibbon, Physician General to the Army, lies dangerously ill.

Yesterday Morning, Mr. Underwood, a Gentleman of the 2d Troop of Life Guards, shot himself in his Tent in the Camp, with two Slugs, which went thro' his Body; and died in the Afternoon of the Wound: He had been Melancholly for about a Fortnight.

From

From the Flying Post, July 17.

London, July 17. The Lord Viscount Townshend, has by the King's Order, sent a Letter to the Justices of the Peace for Middlesex and Westminster, signifying his Majesty's Approbation of their Endeavours for suppressing unlawfull Gaming; which his Majesty thinks will be of vast Consequence, both to the Morals and Fortunes of his Subjects; and therefore expects the Justices will go on with so good a Work, in which those who most distinguish themselves are certain to be thereby the more particularly intitled to his Majesty's Favour. The said Justices in return, have deputed two of their Body to wait upon his Lordship to express their dutifull Sense of his Majesty's most gracious Acceptance of their Endeavours, and to assure him, that they will proceed with the outmost Diligence and Vigor to suppress Gaming Houses, that they will give all fitting Countenance and Protection to their inferior Officers, who do their Duty therein, and that (as they are directed) they will lay an Account of their Proceedings before his Majesty.

The Earl of Cadogan is admitted one of the Lords of the Cabinet Council.

The Duke of Portland intends to set out for Jamaica next Thursday.

The King has purchased the Lord Chetwinds House adjoining to St. James's Palace.

Paris, July 22. Mr. Rigby an Englishman, who was formerly one of the Directors of the Bank and India Company here, is removed from the Bastile to the Fort l'Eveque, then from thence to be carried soon after to Brittany, to be imprisoned there for Life, for the many Defrauds he has been Guilty of.

From the Evening Post, July 19.

Hamburg, July 17. We have Advice from Petersburg, that there is a very great Appearance, according to their Intelligence from Astracan, that the Usbeck Tartars inhabiting along the River Daria, will submit themselves to the Czar. Their Country lies on the East of the Caspian Sea, North of Persia, is the Native and Hereditary Kingdom of the Great Tamerlane, and is divided into a great Number of Principalities. Sir John Chardin says, the Inhabitants are Mahometans, of Omar's Sect, who so hate the Persians because they follow Ali, that they commonly say, the Jews ride to Hell on the Backs of Persians; and such is their Biggotry, that when they make War on the Persians, which they often do, they carry Linnen to dip in their Blood, of which they make winding Sheets, and when they return Home from trading with them, they go to the Tribunal, pretend a Horror of Conscience for having polluted themselves with the Conversation of those Heretick Dogs, and demand Absolution for their Design to kill themselves; which they used to do, by throwing themselves headlong from the Towers of Molques. Sir John adds upon this Head, that whenever they travelled into Persia, they were sworn to kill all that cursed Omar, tho they should dye for it; and for so doing, the whole Train of one of their Ambassador's was cut off, which occasioned a Custom afterwards, that when any of those Ambassadors came to Isphahan, Proclamation

Proclamation is made by sound of Trumpet, forbidding any Body to curse Omar so loud as the Usbecks may hear it.

Paris, July 22. Ther's a Knot of Highwaymen lately discovered here, who when they stop a Person, are so civil as to be content with one half of his Money, and to secure him from being robb'd of the other half, give him the following Words as a Passport, viz. *I am liquidated*; which is a Term that alludes so directly to the Measures now on Foot, as needs no Key to explain it.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, July 19.

London, July 19. The very extraordinary Plea urged by a certain late Director of the South Sea Company, to one of the Gentlemen in the Bank, to induce him to admit him into the late Subscription; deserves to be preserved for the Diversion of all knowing Readers, Sir (said the sleek headed Gentleman) I have no great Reason to expect favour from the Bank, nevertheless, as you know very well my Misfortunes, how the Parliament have sequestered my Estate, leaving me but 10000*l.* and that my Father dying lately, left me also but 30000*l.* so that being now to begin the World again, I hope you will be so Good as to oblige me with some of your Subscription.

Salter's Hall, July 19. This Day was held here a General Court of the York Buildings Company, when Mr. Cockburn, opened the Court with a very Copious Speech, which with the Debates, being very long we must omit, and have only time enough to insert the following Resolutions, which the Court came into *Nemine Contradicente*: 1st, That there be a Call on the Stock of this Company of 6 per Cent. in Money to be paid in 6 Payments; the first to be paid on or before the 2d Day of August, and the other five Pounds to be paid in Payments of one Pound each at the Distance of two Months one from the other; and that whoever fails in any of the said Payments, shall not be intitled to any Benefit or Advantage whatsoever from his Stock, but shall Forfeit the same for the Benefit of the Company. 2d, That the Transfer Books of this Company be continued shut till the 3d Day of August next. 3d, That the Thanks of this Court be given the Governour, Assistants and Committee for their great Care and Diligence in the Management of the Company's Affairs. And then the Court adjourned.

London, July 19. We hear the Jamaica Fleet is arrived on our Coast, consisting of 30 Sail.

From the Evening Post, July 19.

Vienna, July 11. Mr. St. Saphorin Minister of Great Britain, had some Days ago, a Conference with Prince Eugene, on Account of Dispatches he had received from England by an Express. The Government here goes on new Taxes, they are now about charging the Rents of Houses with one and a half per Cent. from which there will be no Exemption, not even for Foreign Ministers. Yesterday was kept with great Splendor, the Feast of the Empress Dowager Amelia and the Archduchess her Daughter, who is betrothed to the Electoral Prince of Bavaria, they were both complimented on the Part of the Emperor and Empress Consort, by Count Staremberg, whom their Majesties had sent on Purpose from Presburg, and also on the Part of the Elector of Bavaria, by Count Fugger.

WYE'S

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, July 21,

YESTERDAY there was a General Court of the South Sea Company, where Sir John Eyles the Sub-Governour signified, that the Treaty with the Bank was compleated, and the Proper Instruments of Law relating thereto were drawn up by Council; and that the Dividend for Midsummer last, was proposed to be 3 per Cent. in Money if they thought fit, which upon a Motion of Sir George Caswel, was agreed to *Nemine Contradicente*, and the Payments to begin the 30th Instant. Then a Proposal was made agreeable to what we formerly mentioned, viz. That it will be for the Interest of this Company to consent, that a Proportion of their present Capital Stock, be by Parliamentary Authority, converted into Annuities redeemable by Parliament, and payable and transferrable by the South Sea Company; so as the Interest thereof may be secured, and ample Satisfaction be given with respect to the Remission of the 2 Millions due to the Government for the Encrease of their Capital Stock. This Proposal was also agreed to without any Opposition. We hear that the Lord Morpeth, General Ross and Mr. Ward were not present, and others that were formerly great Spokesmen, said neither for or against the Proposal. But Mr. Hungerford made some Observations, particularly that the Proposal was not well timed, the Parliament not being sitting, that it was dubious whether the Parliament would remitt the whole, having seen a Negative put upon it by the last Parliament; though for his Part, he should be always for remitting the whole, adding, That he thought it the Company's due, on account of their Misfortunes; but insisted, that nothing, at least be finally concluded, alleadging, that this Affair out to come before a future General Court.

Mr. Poultney in a Speech endeavoured to give the Court entire Satisfaction in Relation to Mr. Hungerford's Objections, after which Sir George Caswel moved to address the King to recommend this Affair to the Parliament; and a very loyal Address prepared by the Directors being read, was agreed to *nemine contradicente*; and the Directors were ordered to present the same, and the Court adjourned. 'Tis hinted, as though the Capital Stock of this Company has of late been thought too great and powerful (which was formerly argued by some in Parliament) for any one Community to be entrusted, and 'tis thought, that 10 or 12 Millions of their Stock, by a Deduction of 30 L. per Cent. out of every 100 L. Capital, will be converted into Annuities, carrying 5 per Cent. Interest, for 5 Years, and after that, 4 per Cent. till redeemed by Parliament.

As to the Dividend on the Company's Stock, 'tis believed the same will be hereafter 5. L. per Cent. exclusive of the Profits arising from Trade.

Mr. Nichols, an eminent Banker at Temple-bar, is dead: 'Tis reported that he lost in the South Sea Company to the Value of 30 or 40000 L.

We don't yet know how or when the fatal Consequences of the late Scheme will end: Mr. H---s, who has in all the General Courts been a strong Advocate, 'tis said, has his Name entred for 40000 L. of the last Subscription taken in at the Bank; by which that Gentleman had a Present of 1200 L. made to him by those to whom the said Subscription was sold at 3 L. per Cent. Premium.

Those who are possessed of the Exchequer Bills granted by way of Loan to the South Sea Company in 1720, are ordered to bring them to the Exchequer, on or before the 7th of August next, to receive their Principal and Interest.

We hear from Rochester, That the Grand Jury did not agree to find a Bill of Indictment for the Tryal of Captain Curtis, on account of the late Riot at Greenwich; so that Security was taken for his Appearance next Term: And the rest of the Rioters were referred to the Crown-office, to be dealt with according to Law.

We hear his Majesty has ordered 10000 little Books, entituled, *The Soldier's Mentor*, to be distributed amongst the Soldiers.

This Week arrived 30 Tons of Hungarian, Rhenish and Moselle Wines, for the Use of the Imperial Ambassador Count Staremberg, who is daily expected here.

Sir Hans Sloan is made Physician General to the Army, in the Room of Dr. Gibson deceased. Yesterday the Lord Whitworth embarked at Dover for Calais, and after a short Stay at Paris, will proceed to Cambray.

Edinburgh, July 26. Yesterday between Seven and Eight in the Morning, one John Kendal, a Centinel in Colonel Chomly's Regiment of Foot, was shot to Death for Desertion.

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

THE Meadow called Straiton's Meadow, lying near the City of Edinburgh, to the South of it; containing about Fifty five Acres of improvable Ground, commodiously Situate, and having a large House and Brewary built thereupon: Is to be set in Tack for a long Term of Years, to commence from Martimals next. Such as have a Mind to take a Lease of the said Ground, may see the Conditions in the Hands of John Dinn at the Town Council-chamber, and will find the Magistrats ready to treat with them. N. B. Bruntfield-links are to be set at the same Time.

[5] The Lands called Shorts Aikers, being Burrows Aikers, consisting of 30 Aikers and an Half, holding of the Town of Stirling, lying near to the South Part thereof, called the Burrows Gate, within the Parochin of Stirling, and Sherriffdom thereof, paying of yearly Rent 63 Bolls, 1 Firiot, 6 Pecks Bear, 12 Bolls Meal, and 1 Boll Pease, with the Carriages of 63 Loads of Coals: As also a great Stone Lodging or Tenement of Land consisting of 10 Fire Rooms, 2 Closets, Wardrope, Laidner, Pantry, Brew House with a Well, 3 Cellars, one Stable, and other Office-houses with on Yard and Clost, and an little House at the Gate thereof, lying at the Foot of St. Mary Wynd, within the said Burgh of Stirling; are to be exposed to publick voluntar Roup or Sale upon Friday the 3d Day of August next, in the House of Henry Dow Writer in Edinburgh, on the South-side of the Land Mercat in the Clost of Fisher's Land in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 in the Afternoon. The Rental of the saids Lands and Tenement, and Deductions therefrom, with the Conditions of Roup, and Progress of the Rights thereof, are to be seen in the Hands of the said Henry Dow at his said House.

† There is a Piece of Silver Plate Twentyfive Pound Sterling Value, to be run for at Peebles on the usual Ground, upon the last Wednedday of August next, being the 29th of that Month; by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, each of them carrying eight Stone Trois Weight, allowing the Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be part of the Weight; the best in three Heats, each Heat thrice round.

The Horses, which are to run for this Plate being three at least, must be at Peebles ten Days before the Race, and to be entered there by the Town Clerk, 48 Hours before the Course, and the Inputs to be six Guineas.

No Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by Judges appointed by the Gentlemen Subscribers for the said Plate.

The Distance Post is to be ten Score Yards from the Starting Post.

The Rider after each Heat is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste.

Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for rubbing.

If any single Horse, Mare or Gelding runs the first two Heats, if they are challenged by any of the Rest who javed their Distance, they are obliged to run again, and if they save their own Distance they wine the Race, if distanced, they lose it.

If three single Horses win each of them a Heat, the Horse that wins the last Heat, wins the Plate.

If any Horse, Mare or Gelding run on the wrong Side of any of the Posts they are to run back the same Way and run Right, or else they are to be adjudged as distanced.

There is also another Piece of Plate about Eight Pound Sterling Value, to be run for on Thursday the 30th of August next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, not exceeding 14 Hands high; nor under three in number, belonging to different Owners, each Horse of 14 Hands to carry seven Stone of Trois Weight, Horses below it to be allowed Weight for Inches: To pay three Pound Sterling amongst them of Inputs. The Horses are to be at Peebles three Days before the Race, and obtain themselves entered by the Town Clerk 24 Hours before the Course, no Crossing nor Jostling to be allowed, and all Disputes to be determined by the Magistrats.

† These are to advertise the Creditors of George Home late of Whitefield, to meet at the House of Arthur Reid Vintner in Edinburgh, upon Monday the 30th of July Instant, at five of the Clock Afternoon: Anent their particular Affairs, with regard to the managing of the Estate of Whitefield and their Concerns relative thereto,